

Cuba and erstwhile USSR are presently in India under the terms of Sports Protocol.

(b) Generally all contracts of foreign coaches engaged by Sports Authority of India, are for an initial period of one year.

(c) A suggestion had been made that the period of contract should be reduced to one year.

(d) As contracts are generally only for one year initially, reduction in the contract period does not arise. However, extension of contract is agreed, when the work of the coach is found to be good and useful to us.

Platform Tickets

*370. SHRINIRMAL KANTICATTERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the rate of platform tickets was raised during the last three years;

(b) the extent of increase made each time; and

(c) the additional revenue earned therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) There has been no increase in the price of platform tickets in the last three years.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Air Pollution In Delhi

*371. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stone crushing activities in and around Delhi are causing air pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any complaints have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, the remedial steps being taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Stone crushing operations do create air pollution if they are operated without control specified in the consent conditions.

(c) Several complaints have been received from residents of Rajokri village and of Lal Kuan which highlight the pollution caused by stone crushers operating without adequate controls and the health hazards from exposure to the dust.

(d) A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT

The Government have taken the following steps:-

(i) Ambient air quality standards around stone crushers have been prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Act; 1986;

(ii) Environment guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of stone crushers;

(iii) Stone crushers have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the Central Pollution Control Board to limit the admission within the stipulated standards;

- (iv) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for shifting of polluting units from congested areas;
- (v) Network of ambient air quality monitoring stations have been set up in Delhi;
- (vi) As per directions of the Supreme Court, the Central Pollution Control Board has conducted the ambient air quality monitoring in the area and a report has been submitted to the Court;
- (vii) Delhi Administration has a scheme for providing 50 per cent subsidy to instal pollution control equipment in small scale units in Delhi;

Autonomous Colleges

*372. DR. SUDHIR RAY: Will the Min-

ister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the grants provided to autonomous colleges, during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether these colleges frame their own syllabi and conduct their own final examinations;

(c) the criteria prescribed for conferring the status of autonomous colleges; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure maintenance of proper standards by these colleges like other Indian Universities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) There are 102 Autonomous Colleges in the country at present. According to the information furnished by UGC, the amount of grants provided to them, state-wise, during the 7th Plan and in 1990-91 is as follows:-

<i>Name of the State</i>	<i>No. of autonomous Colleges</i>	<i>Grants provided (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
Andhra Pradesh	16	97.02
Gujarat	2	NIL*
Madhya Pradesh	28	96.00
Orissa	5	5.00
Rajasthan	5	15.00
Tamil Nadu	44	347.00
Uttar Pradesh	2	NIL*

* The Autonomous Colleges in Gujarat and U.P. have not availed of UGC assistance.

(b) According to the guidelines circulated by UGC Autonomous Colleges have the freedom to determine their own courses of study and syllabi; prescribe rules of admission; evolve methods of evaluation, conduct examinations and be accountable for the content and quality of education.

(c) UGC has prescribed the following main criteria for identification of institutions for grant of autonomy:-

- (i) Academic reputation and previous performance in University examinations.
- (ii) Academic attainments of the faculty.
- (iii) Availability of physical facilities e.g. library, accommodation and equipment.
- (iv) Management and administrative capability.
- (v) Availability of resources for maintenance and development from State Govt. and management.

(d) UGC guidelines provide for self evaluation by the Colleges each year, and external evaluation at periodic intervals. The concerned University is also required to review the performance of Autonomous Colleges.

[*Translation*]

Industries Causing Pollution

*373. SHRI MOHAN SINGH:
SHRI B.N. REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Con-

trol Board receives the ambient air and water quality data on floppies regularly from the State Pollution Control Boards, particularly of Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.

(b) whether the data bases have been up-dated, analysed, interpreted and published;

(c) whether the State Pollution Control Boards have identified the polluting industrial units discharging effluents without any pre-treatment into sewers, streams and rivers endangering lives of fish and other aquatic animals;

-(d) if so, the number thereof and whether notices have been issued to such industries under the Water and Air Pollution Acts; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Ambient air quality data on floppies are regularly received from Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Assam;

(b) Reports have been up-dated and published, analysed and in-terpreted upto December, 1990.

(c) to (e). The State Governments have identified the units with respect to compliance with pollution control standards, in 17 categories of industries. According to the information provided by the State Governments, 150 units have not initiated action for complying with the pollution control standards. The State Pollution Control Boards have been advised to issue notices to the defaulting units. These Boards have initiated action in this regard & orders for closure of